



**CONTRACT FOR PROVIDING FIRE
EXTINGUISHMENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES
WITH A MUNICIPALITY**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF JOHNSON §**

This **CONTRACT FOR PROVIDING FIRE EXTINGUISHMENT AND OTHER EMERGENCY SERVICES** hereinafter called Contract, effective as of the 1st day of October, 2024 by and between **JOHNSON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1**, hereinafter referred to as “DISTRICT”, a political subdivision of the State of Texas organized and operating pursuant to the provisions of Section 48-e, Article III of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 775, Texas Health and Safety Code, hereinafter called the “Act”, and the **CITY OF JOSHUA**, hereinafter called “Department”, duly organized and operating under the laws of the State of Texas;

Witnesseth:

WHEREAS, the DISTRICT is a duly organized emergency services district and a political subdivision of the State of Texas created for the protection of life and property and to provide emergency services, with the full authority to carry out the objects of its creation, and to that end is authorized to enter into and perform any and all necessary contracts;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 775.031 of the Act, the DISTRICT has the authority to enter into contracts with others, whereby fire fighting facilities and fire extinguishment and emergency services may be available to the DISTRICT, upon such terms as the governing body of the DISTRICT shall determine;

WHEREAS, the DISTRICT desires to secure fire extinguishment and emergency services for a specified area of Johnson County, Texas, hereinafter referred to as Service Area, to preserve the property located within the DISTRICT, and to preserve and to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens within the DISTRICT;

WHEREAS, the DISTRICT has determined that it is in the best interests of the residents and property owners of the DISTRICT to enter into a contract for fire extinguishment and other emergency services with the DEPARTMENT which is capable of providing same at levels acceptable to the DISTRICT;

WHEREAS, the DEPARTMENT currently provides for extinguishment and emergency services and is willing to furnish such facilities and provide such services to the Service Area for the consideration hereinafter provided; and

WHEREAS, the DEPARTMENT represents and warrants that it is in full compliance with any and all DISTRICT policies, and local, federal, and state law applicable to its operations and existence as a political subdivision and an emergency service organization in the State of Texas and any other applicable law related to it:

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises and mutual covenants hereinafter contained, the parties hereto agree with the others as follows:

ARTICLE I **DEFINITIONS**

Section 1.01 Findings of Fact – The DISTRICT and DEPARTMENT find that the facts and statements set forth in the preamble to this Contract are true and correct for all purposes.

Section 1.02 Definitions – The following terms shall have the respective meaning assigned to them in this **Article I** wherever they are used in this Contract.

ACT – Chapter 775, Texas Health and Safety Code, Section, as amended.

AUTOMATIC AID - Refers to pre-arranged outside assistance that responds on the first alarm to certain incidents that require minimum resources such as building fires. There is no special request for aid as it is automatic.

BREACH OF CONTRACT – Shall mean an act or circumstance by either party to this contract, which violates or results in the non-compliance with this Contract or any provision herein.

CONTRACT – This Contract and any and all amendments or supplements hereto.

CURRENT DISTRICT POLICIES – District policies in effect on the date the contract is signed by both parties, or current policies recommended by the Policy Development Committee of the DISTRICT.

DEPARTMENT –**THE FIRE DEPARTMENT** of the **CITY OF JOSHUA** is duly organized and existing under the laws of the United States and the State of Texas, and in full compliance at all times with same.

DISTRICT – **JOHNSON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1**, A political subdivision of the State of Texas created and operating pursuant to Section 48-e of Article III of the Texas Constitution and the Act.

EMERGENCY – A circumstance of urgent necessity requiring the immediate action of a party in order to protect health, safety and welfare or property of the general public and commercial interests within the Service Area and outside or subject to mutual aid upon call of another municipality, fire department, emergency medical service or 911 network.

EMERGENCY SERVICES – As a minimum, those activities which are required for and related to the control and extinguishment of fires; and to those activities required for and related to providing service as a “First Responder Organization” as defined by Chapter 773, Texas Health and Safety Code or other applicable law, rule or regulation; other requests for assistance as dispatched by the DISTRICT from time-to-time, or standing by at a designated location, or on apparatus, or nearby in a state of readiness to perform these activities. This shall **not** be construed to in any way limit the ability of the DEPARTMENT to provide specialized services in addition to those required above.

FACILITIES – The fire fighting facilities and emergency equipment reasonably required to provide the fire extinguishment and emergency services to be rendered by the DEPARTMENT pursuant to this Contract.

MUTUAL AID - Generally referred to as an agreement between two or more departments to respond to formal requests for assistance under specific conditions. An on scene or responding primary department calls for assistance that has not been pre- arranged to be automatically dispatched on the initial assignment.

SERVICE AREA - The geographic boundaries of the DEPARTMENT as assigned by the DISTRICT and as such boundaries exist at present or may hereafter be amended. Compensation may be adjusted accordingly for any amended boundaries with negotiations between the DEPARTMENT and the DISTRICT to be based on the current formula. For purpose of reference, the current boundaries of the DEPARTMENT are described in Appendix “A,” attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes. The DISTRICT shall provide an up-to-date map of the DISTRICT and the DEPARTMENT’S Service Area with individual boxes to allow expedited response to emergencies.

Section 1.03 Construction of Terms. If appropriate, in this Contract, words of the singular number shall be considered to include plural, words of the plural shall be considered to include the singular, and words of the masculine, feminine, and neutral gender shall be considered to include other genders.

ARTICLE II **REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES**

Section 2.01 District’s Representations – The DISTRICT represents that:

1. The DISTRICT is a duly constituted political subdivision of the State of Texas created and operating pursuant to Section 48-e of Article III of the Texas Constitution and the Act and has the authority to enter into this Contract and the transactions contemplated hereby and to carry out its obligations hereunder.

2. The DISTRICT is not in default under or in violation of the Constitution and/or laws of the State of Texas relevant to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this contract and has authorized the execution and delivery of this Contract.

Section 2.02 Department's Representation and Warranties – The DEPARTMENT hereby makes the following representations and warranties as the basis for the undertakings on the part of the DEPARTMENT herein contained:

1. The DEPARTMENT, through the City, is validly existing and in good standing, and shall at all times remain so during the term of this Contract.
2. The DEPARTMENT, through the City, has full power and authority to execute and deliver this Contract and has, by proper action, duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Contract.
3. Neither the execution nor delivery of this Contract, the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby nor the fulfillment of or compliance with the terms or conditions of this Contract conflicts with or results in a breach of terms, conditions or provisions of any restriction or any agreement or instrument to which the DEPARTMENT is now a party or by which it is bound, or results in the creation or imposition of any prohibited lien, charge or encumbrance whatsoever on any property or assets of the DEPARTMENT.
4. The DEPARTMENT shall provide the EMERGENCY SERVICES called for by this Contract, including, but not limited to, the fighting and extinguishment of fire and the provision of other emergency services to the Service Area, including, but not limited to, First Responder Emergency Medical Services. The Contract also recognizes the DEPARTMENT'S ability to provide and receive Mutual Aid, Automatic Aid, or other aid to/or from other emergency service organizations as deemed necessary by the DEPARTMENT or DISTRICT. The DISTRICT reserves the right to be informed of any mutual, automatic, or other aid agreements between the DEPARTMENT and agencies outside the DISTRICT contractors. EMERGENCY SERVICES shall be provided by the DEPARTMENT. The DEPARTMENT shall be required to respond to a minimum of 80% of the calls for assistance that it is dispatched to. A response shall be defined as notification made to dispatch by the department via radio, that personnel are enroute to the emergency with the appropriate equipment and apparatus within twelve minutes of "tone-out". If during any one-month time period, the DEPARTMENT is unable to respond to more than 20% of the calls for assistance in their jurisdiction, the DISTRICT shall review the response information; meet with the DEPARTMENT Fire Chief or representative and make recommendations to improve response capabilities. Beginning with the second month and for each additional month that the DEPARTMENT fails to respond to more than 20% of the calls for assistance in their jurisdiction, the DEPARTMENT's monthly payment amount shall be divided by the total number of calls dispatched for that month and

payment made to the department(s) that were the primary responder on each call. Failure to meet the minimum response requirements for three (3) months of the contract period may result in termination of the Contract.

5. The DEPARTMENT warrants and represents that it shall comply faithfully with all provisions of the Act and all other local, state, or federal laws, rules, or regulations applicable to the DEPARTMENT and its duties under this Contract, and further shall, throughout the term of this Contract, be in compliance with all properly adopted DEPARTMENT and DISTRICT policies currently in effect.
6. The DEPARTMENT shall participate in a recognized Training Program that is substantially equal to the Texas Commission on Fire Protection and or State Fireman's and Fire Marshal's Association testing and skills verifications.
7. The DEPARTMENT shall ensure that personnel have the following minimum training.

All personnel entering into IDLH atmosphere must have Live Fire Prerequisites (or equivalent) Certification or greater, SCBA Part B and Live Burn Class taught by ESD personnel, personnel certified by the ESD, or other certified TCFP training facility; Personnel that already have NFPA FF 1 certifications or greater are not required to attend the SCBA Part B and Live Burn class taught by the ESD but it is recommended.

8. The DEPARTMENT shall ensure that personnel responding to Emergency Medical calls have the following Certifications/License

Shall have current State and or National registry certifications for ECA/EMR or EMT or EMT-Advanced or EMT-Paramedic or EMT-Licensed EMT-Paramedic

Shall have current CPR certification.

Shall have completed and passed current Medical Protocol Test and Skills Proficiency Test.

Proctors for testing shall be authorized by Medical Director.

All members shall adhere to the current DISTRICT Medical Director's emergency medical protocols.

*All personnel at the scene of an incident who are not qualified under part 7 above (ride-outs, observers, cadets, etc.) and Probationary Firefighters shall be clearly identified with distinctive, vests, helmets, or other methods

9. The DEPARTMENT warrants that the Fire Chief and Assistant Chief have the following certifications:

Head of Department (TCFP) or

Firefighter I Certification (TCFP or SFFMA) and
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10. The DEPARTMENT shall insure that at least 90% of all personnel participating in emergency operations have completed a minimum of 20 hours of training approved by the ESD, SFFMA, or a State, or Federal agency, for the previous 12-month period beginning August 1 of the previous contract year and ending July 31st of the contract year.

Section 2.03 Joint Representations – No member of the DISTRICT or DEPARTMENT has any significant or conflicting interests, financial, employment or otherwise in the transactions contemplated hereby, other than as a resident or property owner of the DISTRICT, which has not been brought to the attention of all parties concerned. No member of the DEPARTMENT shall be an interested party or a party which benefits from any conduct of business by the DEPARTMENT or the DISTRICT which would present a conflict under the Texas nepotism laws or other state laws regarding competitive bidding or conflicts of interests. Should any member of the DEPARTMENT or any other responsible person believe a party or person governed by the Contract is violating this provision; the person with such belief shall have a right to require that the matter be discussed with the opposing party at an open meeting of the DISTRICT.

ARTICLE III
SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED

Section 3.01 General – During the term of this Contract, the DEPARTMENT agrees to provide Emergency Services to the Service Area on a 24 hour per day basis seven days a week.

Section 3.02 Non-Exclusive Agreement – The DEPARTMENT hereby acknowledges and agrees that its primary responsibilities are to its assigned Service Area. However, in order to ensure to the greatest extent practical that there will be sufficient facilities and emergency resources available to the DISTRICT, the parties acknowledge that the DEPARTMENT may enter into Mutual Aid Agreements or other agreements with other non-DISTRICT emergency services organizations, fire departments, or municipalities in the area for provision of Emergency Services. The DISTRICT may also make agreements for service with other agencies or directly provide DISTRICT resources for the provision of emergency services in the Service Area.

Section 3.03 Approvals and Permits – The DEPARTMENT agrees to obtain all necessary licenses, permits, certifications and approvals, as the case may be, that are necessary from any governmental bodies or agencies having jurisdiction in connection therewith for the provision of Emergency Services to the Service Area as called for by this Contract or otherwise required by law. It is the DEPARTMENT'S sole responsibility to renew and maintain its status as a "First Responder Organization" as defined by Chapter 773, Texas Health and Safety Code. The DEPARTMENT'S failure to obtain and/or maintain said licenses will result in withholding of all payments by the DISTRICT to the DEPARTMENT until the problem is corrected as certified by the DISTRICT, or the

DISTRICT may, at its sole discretion, terminate this Contract.

Section 3.04 Maintenance and Operation – The parties hereto agree that during the term of this Contract, the DISTRICT shall have **no** responsibility or liabilities whatsoever for operating, maintaining, repairing and ensuring any facilities by which Emergency Services are provided by the DEPARTMENT. Such responsibilities belong **solely** to the DEPARTMENT.

Section 3.05 Compliance with Governmental Requirements – The DEPARTMENT shall at all times conduct its activities in accordance with all current applicable statutes, laws, rules, and regulations and shall further obtain and maintain all permits, consents and certificates that are required by any governmental body or other entity with jurisdiction over the DEPARTMENT.

Section 3.06 Liaison – The City Manager or his/her duly authorized Fire representative, shall be the liaison with the DISTRICT.

Section 3.07 Independent Contractors: Personnel of Department – Notwithstanding anything in this Contract which may be construed to the contrary, the DEPARTMENT and all of its personnel, employees, members, volunteers, or agents shall at all times be independent contractors and not employees, volunteers, members, agents, or representatives of the DISTRICT. The DEPARTMENT and its personnel shall at all times have the right to control the details of their work. By entering into this Contract, the DISTRICT and DEPARTMENT do not waive, nor shall it be deemed to waive, any rights, defenses, or immunities either may have under any applicable federal or state statute, law, rule or regulation. Specifically citing Texas Government Code Section 791.006 (a-1), the parties agree that, for purposes of determining civil liability for non-party claims, the act of any person or persons while fighting fires, providing rescue services, providing first response EMS services, traveling to or from any type of emergency call or emergency scene, or in any manner furnishing services in accordance with this Contract, shall be the act of the party performing such act. The payment of any and all civil or other liability, including negligence, resulting from the furnishing of services under this Contract is the responsibility of the individual party performing such acts. This shall specifically include, but not be limited to, the payment of court costs, expenses, and attorneys' fees resulting from any such claim or lawsuit. The parties agree that the assignment of liability described in this Contract is intended to be different than liability otherwise assigned under Section 791.006 (a) of the Texas Government Code.

Section 3.08 Automatic Aid – The DEPARTMENT agrees to respond to emergency incidents in other jurisdictions as dispatched to ensure that essential personnel and/or equipment shall be available. The DEPARTMENT further agrees to receive aid from other jurisdictions to ensure that adequate personnel and resources respond quickly to emergencies.

Section 3.09 ISO Rating – In order to accomplish a County-wide ISO rating improvement, the DEPARTMENT agrees that all of its apparatus are equipped in accordance with the latest adopted version of NFPA 1901 and shall have in place a program to annually:

- Test its full complement of hoses in accordance with NFPA 1961

- Test its full complement of ground ladders in accordance with NFPA 1932
- Test the pumps of its Class A Engines in accordance with NFPA 1911

ARTICLE IV

INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION

Section 4.01 Insurance – The DEPARTMENT or City thereof agrees to insure all its facilities and properties reasonably required to provide Emergency Services hereunder, against loss or damage of kinds usually insured against by entities similarly situated. The insurance will be provided through the Texas Municipal League Risk Pool or with one or more reputable insurance companies in the minimum amount required by Texas Law for death, and bodily injury or property damage.

1. The DEPARTMENT agrees to carry public liability insurance with respect to the facilities through the Texas Municipal League Insurance Risk Pool or with one or more insurance companies licensed in the State of Texas in the minimum amount required by Texas Law for death, bodily injury or property damage.
2. The DEPARTMENT agrees to carry errors and omissions, general liability and other insurance necessary for its operations and for any and all risks that may be necessary in its operations as a Texas Non-Profit Corporation or an emergency services organization.
3. Each insurance policy provided for in this Contract shall be in the name of the DEPARTMENT or City as the named insured and the DISTRICT as an additional insured.
4. If said insurance is not provided the DEPARTMENT will be considered in breach of contract. All payments made by the DISTRICT to the DEPARTMENT shall cease until proof of insurance is provided as certified by the DISTRICT, or the DISTRICT may, at its discretion, terminate the Contract.

Section 4.02 Workers' Compensation Coverage – The DEPARTMENT shall maintain workers' compensation coverage for its employees, officers and volunteers related to or arising from the DEPARTMENT'S performance under this contract. The DEPARTMENT recognizes that the DISTRICT has no responsibility to furnish this coverage and DEPARTMENT waives any right to pursue the DISTRICT for liability regarding payments for this coverage or for liability regarding payments for claims filed against this coverage. If said insurance is not provided, the DEPARTMENT will be considered in breach of contract. All payments made by the DISTRICT to the DEPARTMENT shall cease until proof of insurance is provided as certified by the DISTRICT, or the DISTRICT may, at its discretion, terminate the Contract without recourse.

Section 4.03 Indemnification – To the fullest extent allowed by law, The DEPARTMENT shall indemnify and hold the DISTRICT, as well as its commissioners, officials, agents, volunteers, representatives, and employees, harmless from any and all claims of any type, including negligence, and all attorney's fees and related costs, made on account of any loss through personal injuries, deaths, or property damages, arising directly or

indirectly out of the sole or concurrent negligence, or the sole or concurrent intentional acts or omissions of the DEPARTMENT or its contractors, officials, agents, employees, volunteers, subcontractors, or representatives, in performing the services required under this Contract, except where the DISTRICT is concurrently negligent or has committed concurrent intentional acts or omissions. The DISTRICT shall indemnify and hold the DEPARTMENT, as well as its governing body, officials, agents, volunteers, and employees, harmless from any and all claims of any type, including negligence, and all attorney's fees and related costs, made on account of any loss through personal injuries, deaths, or property damages, arising directly or indirectly out of the sole or concurrent negligence, or the sole or concurrent intentional acts or omissions of the DISTRICT or its commissioners, officials, agents, employees, volunteers, contractors, subcontractors, or representatives in performing under this Agreement, except where the DEPARTMENT is concurrently negligent or has committed concurrent intentional acts or omissions. It is expressly understood and agreed that, in the execution of this Contract, neither DISTRICT or DEPARTMENT waives, nor shall be deemed hereby to waive, any immunity or defense that would otherwise be available to it against any claims by third parties arising in the exercise of its governmental powers or other powers or functions or pursuant to the Texas Tort Claims Act or other applicable statute, law, rule, or regulation, including, but not limited to sovereign or official immunity. In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 791.006 regarding assignment of civil liability, and except as otherwise provided by applicable law, including, but not limited to, regulations regarding workers compensation insurance, each party hereto shall be responsible for injuries or death to its employees and volunteers while performing services under this Agreement. The DEPARTMENT or DISTRICT shall not be liable for benefits or any other compensation for injuries or death of the other party's employees or volunteers while performing services under this Agreement. An employee or volunteer shall be deemed to be performing services when en route to, en route from, or at the scene of a call or emergency. Specifically citing Texas Government Code Section 791.006 (a-1), the DISTRICT and DEPARTMENT agree that, for purposes of determining civil liability for non-party claims, the act of any person or persons while fighting fires, providing rescue services, providing EMS services, traveling to or from any type of emergency call or emergency scene, or in any manner furnishing services in accordance with this Agreement, shall be the act of the party performing such act. The payment of any and all civil or other liability, including negligence, resulting from the furnishing of services under this Agreement is the responsibility of the individual DEPARTMENT or DISTRICT performing such acts. This shall specifically include, but not be limited to, the payment of court costs, expenses, and attorneys' fees resulting from any such claim or lawsuit. The DEPARTMENT and DISTRICT agree that the assignment of liability described in this Section is intended to be different than liability otherwise assigned under Section 791.006 (a) of the Texas Government Code.

ARTICLE V
PAYMENTS BY DISTRICT

Section 5.01 Methods of obtaining Funds from the District –

1. Payment for Services – The length of this Contract will be from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025. After meeting its obligations for operating expense, debt service and establishment of a reserve fund, and other costs and expenses as determined by the DISTRICT, the DISTRICT shall annually compensate the DEPARTMENT for the services provided by the DEPARTMENT in the amount of \$ 689,224.00 will be payable in twelve (12) monthly installments on or before the 25th of each month. All funds to be provided hereunder shall be from current funds only, and the DISTRICT reserves the right to withhold any payment or appropriation of the above amount if the DEPARTMENT is in breach of this Contract and reserves its right of non- appropriation.
2. The DEPARTMENT may be eligible to receive additional funding through the District’s Incentive Program (Appendix B). Any additional funding shall be paid in addition to the payment provided pursuant to subsection (1) above. The payments required in subsection (1) shall not be affected if the DEPARTMENT receives additional funding pursuant to this subsection (2).
3. Advance Funding – As unbudgeted or emergency needs arise; the DEPARTMENT may submit a proposal in writing to the DISTRICT for advance funding. The proposal shall itemize the proposed expenses, but final approval of the proposal shall be decided by the DISTRICT on the basis of need and available funds.
4. Pursuant to Section 775.073, Texas Health & Safety Code, and other applicable law, it is understood and agreed by the parties that any funds allocated by the DISTRICT to the DEPARTMENT are for maintenance and operation expenses only in the provision of the Fire and EMS Services set forth herein, and the DEPARTMENT, unless otherwise agreed to by the parties hereto in writing, shall not use any DISTRICT Funds for the purchase, lease, or acquisition of any real or personal property, and any real or personal property of the DEPARTMENT shall remain the sole property of the DEPARTMENT unless District funds are used to purchase, lease or otherwise acquire real or personal property. The parties further agree that the DISTRICT does not have any ownership interest in the real and personal property of the DEPARTMENT, except for that real or personal property purchased with DISTRICT Funds. The DISTRICT payments under this Agreement do not create an ownership interest in the real and personal property of the DEPARTMENT, unless such DISTRICT Funds are used in contravention of this provision and applicable law, and DISTRICT Funds are used to purchase such real or personal property.

5.02 **Radio User Fees** the DISTRICT will pay radio user fees for up to twenty-four ((24)) radios for the DEPARTMENT. Any user fees above twenty-four ((24)) for the DEPARTMENT shall be solely the responsibility of the DEPARTMENT. Payment of radio use fees in excess of twenty-four ((24)) per DEPARTMENT will be in reduction of the DISTRICT'S contractual payments hereunder for Emergency Services provided by the DEPARTMENT, unless otherwise paid for by the DEPARTMENT with proof of payment submitted by the DEPARTMENT to the DISTRICT. The 2024-25 radio user fee is set at \$19.78 per radio per month, or \$237.36 annually, and any other fees or amounts will be borne by the DEPARTMENT as set follows: for twenty-four (24) radios or less, the DISTRICT pays the radio user fees, and for each additional radio, DEPARTMENT shall pay \$237.36 per radio per year as set forth herein.

ARTICLE VI **ASSIGNMENT AND MODIFICATION**

This Contract shall not be assignable by the parties, in whole or in part without obtaining the prior **written** consent of the other party. Further, this Contract may be modified only upon the prior **written** consent of the parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that any city that has any area within its corporate or extra territorial jurisdiction included within the DISTRICT'S territory, notifies the DISTRICT of the exclusion of an area from the DISTRICT'S territory, pursuant to the Act, and if such event causes a change in the Service Area, or scope of Emergency Services to be rendered hereunder, the parties agree that the Contract shall be amended so that the payments may be adjusted accordingly. The DISTRICT reserves the right to terminate this Contract as provided herein. With written approval of the DEPARTMENT, The DISTRICT may reduce, expand, modify, or otherwise change the Service Area of the DEPARTMENT as may be necessary for the protection of its citizens.

ARTICLE VII **MISCELLANEOUS**

Section 7.01 Compliance with Applicable Regulations – The DEPARTMENT shall observe and comply, where applicable, with all Federal, State, County, DISTRICT, and City laws, rules, ordinances, regulations, and policies in any manner affecting the conduct and provision of the Emergency Services herein provided and the performance of all obligations undertaken by the DEPARTMENT under this Contract.

Section 7.02 Inspection of Equipment - The District or its agent has the right to inspect the equipment and/or pertinent records of the DEPARTMENT. The parties acknowledge that the nature of the DEPARTMENT'S equipment and/or record keeping determines the consideration paid under this Agreement. In the event that the proper records are not available, the procedures or penalties stated in the corresponding portions of this contract will be followed. In the event that the inspection reveals that the equipment is not in operating condition the DEPARTMENT will authorize a re-inspection by the DISTRICT within fifteen (15) days. In the event the equipment is not in operating condition during the re-inspection, all payments by the DISTRICT to the DEPARTMENT may cease until the issue is corrected as certified by the DISTRICT, or the DISTRICT may, at its sole discretion, terminate this Contract.

Section 7.02 A. Out of Service Apparatus and Equipment – The DEPARTMENT shall notify Fire Dispatch when an apparatus or special equipment is out of service for more than twenty-four (24) hours. Fire Dispatch will then notify the Executive Director for the ESD. When the apparatus or special equipment is put back in service the DEPARTMENT will notify Fire Dispatch.

Section 7.03 Reports and Other Information –

1. The DISTRICT shall purchase one license for the current electronic Record Management System (RMS) software for each DEPARTMENT.
2. The DEPARTMENT shall maintain accurate, up to date records in RMS for personnel, apparatus, training, and incidents.
3. The DEPARTMENT shall complete a basic incident report in RMS within 3 days of the completion of each of the DEPARTMENT's emergency responses. Reports shall be a complete, thorough, accurate description of actions taken by the Department's personnel and shall include an appropriate narrative(s) section.
4. By the tenth of each month, the DEPARTMENT shall submit to TxFIRS via the RMS, the previous month's incident reports.
5. All Training activities of the DEPARTMENT must be entered into RMS by the end of the month the activity occurred.
6. The DEPARTMENT must provide the DISTRICT access to its Incident Report, personnel rosters, and Training modules for the purpose of running statistical reports, quality control checks and qualification for any incentives and/or other such functions as determined by the DISTRICT. If access by the DISTRICT is denied or the proper records are not entered on time all payments made by the DISTRICT to the DEPARTMENT shall cease until proper reports are entered, or the DISTRICT may, at its discretion, terminate the Contract under the terms of section 7.07.
7. The DEPARTMENT shall submit to the DISTRICT, upon request, the contracting cities most recently completed audit for fiscal year. The DISTRICT agrees to send an email verifying the receipt of the report.

Section 7.04 Badge Identification – Each DEPARTMENT shall insure that each of its members has a current identification card approved by the DISTRICT. Each member of the DEPARTMENT is required to have in their possession the DEPARTMENT identification card anytime they are performing their duties for their DEPARTMENT. The card is to be used for identification and verification of training levels for each individual. Upon request from a citizen, Incident Commander (or his/her designee), or Medical Director (or his/her designee), or DISTRICT representative, the individual shall produce the ID card for verification. Each DEPARTMENT is responsible to make arrangements to have new member's cards made, lost cards replaced, and return cards of members that are no longer with the DEPARTMENT.

Section 7.05 Term of Contract – This Contract shall be for a period of twelve (12) months commencing on the 1st day of October of 2024 and ending at 12:00 midnight on September 30, 2025. It is understood by the DEPARTMENT and DISTRICT that the DISTRICT shall prepare a new contract so that it may be signed on or before September 30, 2025.

Section 7.06 Termination of Contract by Mutual Agreement – This Contract may be terminated before the end of its term by mutual written agreement, by non-appropriation or non-payment of funds by the DISTRICT, or as otherwise allowed hereunder. Either party may elect to terminate this Contract for any reason or no reason. If either party elects to terminate this agreement, a 30-day written notice must be submitted to the other party for the notification of the intent to terminate said agreement. A 30-day written notice of non-renewal is also required prior to September 30 of contract year if either party seeks non-renewal of the Contract. If the Contract is terminated for any reason by either party, the DEPARTMENT understands that it will no longer receive compensation for services that are no longer provided under contractual obligation. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the DEPARTMENT shall receive compensation for all services provided. By way of example only, if the Contract is terminated six months into the term by either party, the DEPARTMENT shall be paid for each of the six months that the DEPARTMENT provided services for in accordance with the monthly installments as provided in Section 5.01 of this Contract.

Section 7.07 Termination of Contract for Breach – This Contract may be terminated by either party due to the other party committing a “Breach of Contract” as the same is defined in Section 1.02 herein which remains uncured for 30 days following written notice as provided herein. Termination under this section will require formal notice from the non-breaching party in the manner provided in Section 7.08 hereof. The notice shall state clearly the reason for the party claiming Breach of Contract, the ground therefore with specific reference to the section and language in the Contract allegedly breached, and the method or circumstance which will, in the reasonable opinion of the non-breaching party, (a) provide cure of the breach, or (b) show to the satisfaction of the non-breaching party that no breach has occurred.

In the event that the Party alleged to have breached the Contract fails to reasonably satisfy the non-breaching Party that no “Breach of Contract” has occurred or that a cure of such Breach of Contract has been reasonable accomplished, the Party claiming the breach shall provide to the other Party written notice of termination of the Contract in the manner provided in Section 7.08 hereof.

If the Parties shall remain in dispute as to the reasonableness of the grounds asserted as an alleged Breach of Contract or the reasonableness of the cure thereof, the issue of whether the Contract was breached may be determined by mediation, with the selection of a mediator being mutually agreed upon by the DISTRICT and the DEPARTMENT.

Section 7.08 Rights on Termination – To the extent permitted by law, upon termination of the Contract, all rights and obligations of the Parties accruing prior to the date of termination shall remain in full force and effect, including without limitation the distribution of Payments by the DISTRICT, as provided by Article V hereof, pro rata to the date of termination, subject to appropriation by the DISTRICT.

Section 7.09 Notices – All notices, certificates, or other communications hereunder shall be sufficiently given or shall be deemed given when delivered by regular mail, or sent by proven facsimile or by e-mail or in the case of notice of breach of contract, by certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed as follows:

If to the **DISTRICT**:

JOHNSON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO.1
2451 Service Dr.
Cleburne, TX 76033

If to the **DEPARTMENT**:

CITY OF JOSHUA FIRE DEPARTMENT
707 N MAIN
JOSHUA, TX 76058

The DISTRICT or the DEPARTMENT may by notice hereunder designate any further or different address to which subsequent notices, certificates or other communications shall be sent.

Section 7.10 Binding Effect – This Contract shall insure to the benefit of and shall be binding upon the DISTRICT and the DEPARTMENT, and their respective successors and assigns.

Section 7.11 Severability – In the event any provision of this Contract shall be held invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not invalidate or render unenforceable any other provision thereof, unless the provision invalidated should invalidate a material obligation of either party.

Section 7.12 Execution and Counterpart – This Contract may be simultaneously executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute but one in the same instrument.

Section 7.13 Captions – The captions or heading in this Contract are for convenience only and in no way define, limit or otherwise describe the scope or intent of any provision or section of the Contract.

Section 7.14 Status of Parties Relationship – Nothing in this Contract shall be construed to make either party the partner or joint venture of or with the other party. It is further agreed that in the performance of all obligations undertaken by this Contract, the DEPARTMENT is an independent contractor with the right to supervise, manage, control and direct the performance of Emergency Services in accordance with DISTRICT, state and federal statutes, laws, rules, policies and regulations. By entering into this Contract, the DISTRICT and the DEPARTMENT do not waive, nor shall either be deemed to waive any rights, defenses, or immunities it may have under any applicable federal or state statute, law, rule, or regulation. Any rights that the DEPARTMENT or DISTRICT may have under this Contract may not be assigned without the express written permission of the other party.

Section 7.15 Governing Law – The validity, interpretation of the provisions of this Contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas. Pursuant to Chapter 791,

Texas Government Code, and other applicable law, any funds required hereunder to be expended by either party shall be from current revenues.

Section 7.16 Enforcement – In enforcing the performance of the provisions of this Contract all parties shall have the right to the exercise of all procedures available under applicable law or equity. No waiver of any breach or default of any provision of this Contract shall be deemed a waiver of any subsequent waiver or default. This Contract is executed in Johnson County, Texas, and venue over any action relating to any provision of this Contract shall be exclusively in Johnson County, Texas. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas. If the DISTRICT or DEPARTMENT is a prevailing party in any litigation or other action brought under this Contract or otherwise, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover all costs of court and expenses, including reasonable attorney’s fees, incurred therein. In addition to any remedies the DISTRICT may have at law or in equity or its right of non-appropriation, if the DEPARTMENT is in breach or violation of any provision of this Contract or any federal, state, local, or DISTRICT statute, law, rule, regulation, policy, or procedure, the DISTRICT may, without limiting the its remedies, terminate this agreement, withhold funds from the DEPARTMENT, or take any other reasonable action the DISTRICT deems appropriate under the circumstances then existing.

Section 7.17 Force Majeure – To the extent that any party to this Contract shall be wholly or partially prevented from the performance within the period specified of any obligation or duty placed on such party by any reason of or through strikes, stoppage of labor, riot, flood, failure of utilities, public water supply, invasions, insurrections, the order of any court, judge, or civil authority, or of act of God, then, in such event, the time for the performance of such obligation or duty shall be suspended until such inability to perform is removed.

Section 7.18 Defined Terms – The defined terms in this Contract shall have the meanings as defined herein whether or not the term appears in all capitalized letters or in upper and lower-case letters.

Section 7.19 Communications – The main form of daily communications between the DISTRICT and the DEPARTMENT shall be via e-mail. It is the responsibility of both parties to immediately inform the other of any changes to agency contact information.

Contract Affidavit

In witness thereof, the DISTRICT and the DEPARTMENT or CITY thereof have caused this Contract to be executed in their respective names and attested by the duly authorized officers, all effective as of the date first move written.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2024.

JOHNSON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1
2451 Service Drive
Cleburne, TX 76033

By: _____
Gerald Miller, President

Sworn and subscribed to me this _____ Day of _____, 2024.

SEAL

Notary Public, State of Texas

ATTEST:

BY: _____
Phil Williams, Secretary

Sworn and subscribed to me this _____ Day of _____, 2024.

Notary Public, State of Texas

SEAL

Contract Affidavit

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Signed this _____ Day of _____, 2024.

CITY OF JOSHUA FIRE DEPARTMENT
707 N MAIN
JOSHUA, TX 76058

BY: _____
Mayor or other Authorized Representative

Printed Name

Sworn and subscribed to me this _____ Day of _____, 2024.

Notary Public, State of Texas

SEAL

ATTEST:

BY: _____
City Secretary

Printed Name

Sworn and subscribed to me this _____ Day of _____, 2024.

Notary Public, State of Texas

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